

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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LIFE EXPECTANCY AMONGST WOMEN

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether life expectancy of women in Madhya Pradesh is the lowest in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the lowest and highest life expectancy amongst females in other States;
- (c) the factors responsible for low life expectancy in females in the country; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to raise female life expectancy in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Yes, Sir. In so far as major states are concerned.

(b): As per the report of the Technical Committee on Population Projections Constituted by Planning Commission 1996, the levels of expectation of life at birth for the year 2001-06 is annexed.

(c): The low life expectancy in females in the country is affected by a wide range of socio-economic determinants like access to health services, nutritional status, marriage at young age and gender bias as well.

(d): Major initiatives being taken to raise female life expectancy in the country include enhancing availability of basic Health Care Services, Essential obstetric care, Emergency obstetric care, 24 hour delivery services, Referral Transport for pregnant women, MTP facilities, Dai Training and RCH Camps.

ANNEXURE

PROJECTED LEVES OF THE EXPECTATION OF LIFE AT BIRTH 2001-2006

Major States/All India	Male	Female
2001-2006	2001-2006	
Andhra Pradesh	62.79	65.00
Assam	58.96	60.87
Bihar	65.66	64.79
Gujarat	63.12	64.10
Haryana	64.64	69.30
Karnataka	62.43	66.44
Kerala	71.67	75.00
Madhya Pradesh	59.19	58.01
Maharashtra	66.75	69.76
Orissa	60.05	59.71
Punjab	69.78	72.00
Rajasthan	62.17	62.80
Tamil Nadu	67.00	69.75
Uttar Pradesh	63.54	64.09
West Bengal	66.08	69.34
India	63.87	66.91

Source: Report of the Technical Group on Population

Projections - 1996, R G India